storage facilities through cooperative organisation for potatoes in different northern States.

Funds earmarked for major Rural Development Programmes

2141. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of funds earmarked for the major rural development programmes during the Seventh Plan period sector-wise;

(b) the amount allocated to the different States so far, State-wise; and

(c) the amount spent under different schemes; State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) As per the Seventh Plan (1985—90) documents, sector-wise outlays provided for the major rural development programmes in the Seventh Plan are as under:

(Rs. in crores)

Programme	Central Sector	State Sector	Total
Integrated Rural Development and related programmes i.e. Integrated Rural Development (IRDP), Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP), Desert Development Programme (DDP) etc..	1864.38	1609.61	3473.99
National Rural Employment Programme (NREP)	1250.81	1236.66	2487.47
Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme (RLEGP)	1743.78	..	1743.78
Rural Water Supply and San tation.	1236.83	2350.00	3586.83

(b) and (c) Statement is attached [*See* Appendix CXCVII Annexure No. 89].

Gas based fertilizer plant in Tripura

2142. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to set up gas based fertilizer plant in Tripura; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) and (b) There is no proposal, at present, to set up a gas-based fertilizer plant in Tripura because the production capacity already installed in that region is more than adequate to meet the demand for nitrogenous fertilizers' if not, the the reasons thereof?

Grants to Municipal Corporations and Municipalities for development of cities

2143. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have worked out any plan to give grant to the municipal corporations and municipalities in the country for development of the cities; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) The Central Government does not provide any grants directly

to the municipalities etc. for development of cities. Funds for urban development are provided in the state plans and the State Governments formulate appropriate projects in accordance with their needs and priorities. In addition, Central loan assistance is provided to States for development of small and medium towns under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of IDSMT. Grants are also provided to States under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Urban Basic services which aims at improving the degree and quality of survival and development of children of urban low income families. World Bank assisted urban development projects are also in operation in a number of cities/towns. Generally, these Centrally Sponsored Schemes and the World Bank projects are implemented by the Municipal Corporations, Municipalities and other local bodies.

Report of foreign consultants on Namrup, Barauni and Durgapur Fertilizers Plants

2144. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had appointed foreign consultants to carry out an end-to-end survey of Namrup, Barauni and Durgapur Fertilizer plants of H.F.C.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the consultants have since submitted their report to HFC; and

(d) if so, the salient features of the said report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Limited (HFC), with the approval of Government, appointed M/s. Haldor Topsoe to carry out an end-to-end survey of Namrup, Barauni and Durgapur Fertilizer Plants.

(b) to (d) The consultants in their report, suggested revamping rehabilitation of the plants in three main stages with minimum loss of production, at an estimated cost of Rs. 486.39 crores. After rehabilitation the plants are expected to achieve the rated capacity utilisation.

Hormonal infertility in milch cattle

2145. SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are millions of cases of hormonal infertility in milch cattle in the country;

(b) whether Prostaglandin F2 alpha is required for the treatment of the above animals; and

(c) if so, whether the Ministry proposes to recommend to Government for extending the customs duty exemption for import of raw material to the private sector with technical know-how to manufacture, finished products out of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir. There are large number of cattle affected by infertility. The major causes of infertility in cattle are malnutrition, infectious diseases, congential malformation and hormonal imbalances.

(b) Prostaglandin F2 alpha is one among many drugs useful in improvement of fertility.

(c) The Government have not taken any decision in this regard.